

**WIND ON THE WIRES: Responses to Questions posted to Michigan Energy Forum Website**

**15. What has Michigan's experience been with siting renewable and non-renewable energy generation to date? If siting becomes easier or more difficult, how will that impact both cost and the overall renewable capacity of Michigan?**

Siting is strongly correlated to cost. If siting becomes easier cost will decrease and if siting becomes more difficult the cost of renewables will increase. The strong correlation is based on the fact that easier siting will allow for more wind facilities to be sited and built. If there are more wind facilities then the competition among the supply will keep costs low. If siting becomes more difficult, then the opposite occurs – there will be less competition among supply so demand will increase costs. What is unknown is the degree the price will increase or decrease with respect to the stringency of the siting criteria. Wind on the Wires is unaware of any reports that provide more detailed correlation than what we've expressed herein.

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